Is The Roman Catholic Church The Church Of The Devil Or Just A Major Portion?

I wanted to make this last post being pertinent to some other recent posts I have done touching on the Roman Catholic church and similarities to the LDS church.

Using the words of an angel and a prophet taken from the Book Of Mormon:

> *9 And it came to pass that he (an angel) said unto me: Look, and behold that great and*
> *abominable church, which **IS** (NOTE: the angel references the church of the devil as being in the present tense; therefore before Nephi's day!) the mother of abominations, whose founder is the*
> *devil.*
> *10 And he said unto me: Behold there **ARE** (NOTE: Again as mentioned above) save two churches only; the one **IS** the church of the Lamb of God, and the other **IS** the church of the devil;*
> *wherefore, whoso belongeth not to the church of the Lamb of God belongeth to that great church, which **IS** the mother of abominations; and she **IS** the whore of all the earth.*
> *11 And it came to pass that I looked and beheld the whore of all the earth,*
> *and she sat upon many waters; and she had dominion over **ALL** the earth, among **ALL** nations, kindreds, tongues, and **PEOPLE** (ALL = ALL...IMO that includes LDS and their ilk).*
> *12 And it came to pass that I beheld the church of the Lamb of God, and **its numbers were few**, because of the wickedness and abominations of the whore who*
> *sat upon many waters; nevertheless, I beheld that the church of the Lamb, **who were the saints of God, were also upon all the face of the earth**; and their dominions upon the face of the earth were small, because of the wickedness of the great whore whom I saw.*
> *13 And it came to pass that I beheld that the great mother of abominations*
> *did gather together multitudes upon the face of all the earth, among **ALL the nations of the Gentiles**, to fight against the Lamb of God.*
> *14 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon **the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and they were armed with righteousness** and with the power of God in great glory. -1 Nephi 14*

> *12)And blessed are the Gentiles, they of whom the prophet has written; for behold, if it so be that they shall repent and fight not against Zion, and **do not unite themselves to that great and abominable church**, they shall be saved... -2 Nephi 6*

Here is how to gauge ourselves and others as to whether we are members or perspective members of the great and abominable church, a.k.a. church of the devil, a.k.a. Babylon, etc.

> *8)And the angel spake unto me, saying: Behold the **gold**, and the **silver**, and the **silks**, and the **scarlets**, and the **fine-twined linen**, and the **precious clothing**, and the **harlots**, **ARE THE DESIRES** of this great and abominable church.*
> *9)And also **for the praise of the world do they destroy the saints of God**, and bring them down into captivity. -1 Nephi 13*

> *18)But, behold, **the righteous, the saints of the Holy One of Israel, they who have believed in the Holy One of Israel, they who have endured the crosses of the world, and despised the shame of it**, they shall inherit the kingdom of God, which was prepared for them from the foundation of the world, and their joy shall be full forever...*
> *24)And if they will not repent and believe in his name, and be baptized in his name, and endure to the end, **they must be damned**; for the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, has spoken it. -2 Nephi 9*

To me this all says the church of the devil (and therefore the church of the Lamb) existed way before so called Christianity as it exists today (including Roman Catholics and LDS inheriting lies from leaders). Therefore I feel the church of the devil has existed well before the RCC; however I also feel it has become a focal point for the devil's work.

IMO... saints are righteous followers of the Lamb no matter when or where. If any are in doubt as to where they stand in relation to Jesus Christ, they should seek Him out, and not rely on the arm of flesh. I strive personally to repent and hopefully to be able to endure to the end. I have been a Catholic and LDS; so I get how easy it is to be ensnared by the devil.

One last scripture:

> *4)And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. -Revelation 18*